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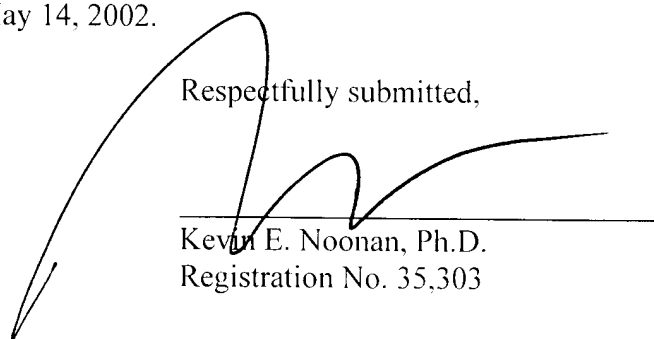
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**U.S. Patents**

Greenfield et al.      U.S. Patent 4,354,376      Issued October 19, 1982

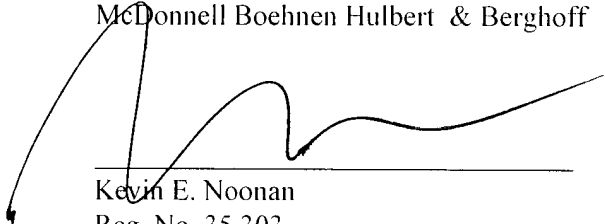
**Foreign Patents**

EP 0 431 578      E.I. Du Pont De Nemours and Company

WO 95/02166      Artel Inc.

Respectfully submitted,  
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